

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE: The Spirit dwells in me but his power is revealed in community. I intentionally prioritize Christian relationships because I have something to give and something to receive.

PRAY • INTRO: REVIEW ELEMENTS -> FIRE

TRUTH #1: PEOPLE ARE ***irritating***.

ILL: MY LAWN... JEN PULLING THE WEEDS... SHAME • ALL THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE BETTER WITHOUT OTHER PEOPLE • REALLY ABOUT THE RIGHT PEOPLE OR THE WRONG PEOPLE.

TRUTH #2: THE IRRITATION IS ***internal*** TO ME.

THE "RIGHT PEOPLE" OR "WRONG PEOPLE" EXIST ONLY IN MY HEART.

The number one thing that works against the health of my relationships is ***myself***.

To have healthy relationships, something must be done inside us to change us.  
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE SECRET TO UNITY

*I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:*

John 17:22

FIRST, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE REST OF THE CHAPTER.

## John 17 (p. 751)

The key concept in the opening paragraphs is "***Glory***."

Glory: The ***weight*** of ***significance***.

What is Jesus praying for?

- (11) "so that they may be ***one*** "
- (13) "so that they may have the full measure of my ***joy*** "
- (15-19) "that they too may be truly ***sanctified*** "
- (20-21) "that all of them may be ***one*** "
- (21) "so that the world may ***believe*** "
- (22) "that they may be ***one*** "
- (25) "in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

THREE TIMES ONENESS USING HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE FATHER AS A MODEL! • v. 21 // v. 23

TRUTH #3: EVERYTHING JESUS WANTS FOR US IS

CONTAINED IN OUR ***oneness***.

GP: CHALLENGE YOU TO GREATER UNITY? WE'VE TRIED THAT! HOW MANY TIMES... WHAT'S MISSING

PROTECT THEM / SANCTIFY THEM / MAKE YOU KNOWN // REQUESTS, BUT ONE STATEMENT

*I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:*

John 17:22

SOMETHING ABOUT THAT VERSE HIT ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS THIS WEEK

TRUTH #4: THE SECRET TO ONENESS IS THE ***glory*** OF CHRIST.

So I want to show you how this works... there are two kinds of glory.

Vertical Glory (v. 24)

*"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world..."*

John 17:24

Jesus, "...But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself"

John 12:32

ILL: GLORY IS COMMUNAL / A FRIEND OF MINE POSTED SOMETHING FUNNY ON FACEBOOK THIS WEEK, WHAT DID I DO? / WHEN I SEE A SUNSET, A FUNNY YOUTUBE VIDEO, A GOOD TWEET

When you see the fullness of the glory of Jesus, nothing divisive matters.

Horizontal Glory (vv. 1-6)

The Father and the Son have a mutual exchange of glory  
their oneness is built around a recognition of the glory of the other. // and Jesus gave glory to us!

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

when you see another believer... // C.S. Lewis Quotation

BEST EXAMPLE, FALLING IN LOVE, OR PURSUING A FRIENDSHIP  
GLORY PROMPTS THE DESIRE FOR ONENESS

## Take it home...

- Can you see the glory of Christ above you and beside you?